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SUBJECT: 99 EXBD: ITEM 9.1: UNESCO'S CONTRIBUTION
TO NIEO.

1. PRIOR IMMEDIATE PERMDEL CABLE TRANSMITTED DR OF
WORKING GROUP FOR NIEO ITEM.

2. DR WOULD TRANSMIT TO GC REPORT OF 99 EXBD DEBATE
TOGETHER WITH SECRETARIAT DOCUMENT 99 EX/49. SELECTED
PARAGRAPHS FROM EIGHT PAGE SUMMARY OF EXBD DEBATE AS
FOLLOWS TO ILLUSTRATE STYLE AND BALANCE ACHIEVED IN
WORKING GROUP.

A. TITLE OF SECTION I IS "THE CONCEPT OF A NEW INTER-
NATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER AND THE SOCIO-CULTURAL ASPECT
OF DEVELOPMENT."

B. PARAGRAPH 6.

"MANY COMMENTS WERE MADE ON THE CONCEPT OF A NEW INTER-
NATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER IN RELATION TO THE SOCIO-CULTU-
RAL ASPECT OF DEVELOPMENT. IN THIS CONNECTION, A NUMBER
OF BOARD MEMBERS SPOKE OF THE ATTITUDES ADOPTED BY
THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS, EITHER DURING THE DIS-
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CUSSIONS IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR ON OTHER OCCA-

SIONS. STRESS WAS LAID ON THE IMPORTANCE, WHICH DID NOT EMERGE IN THE DOCUMENT, OF THE CONSENSUS ACHIEVED AT THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND OF ITS CONCLUSIONS. THE DESIRE TO DEAL WITH REAL RATHER THAN RHETORICAL PROBLEMS AND TO AVOID BECOMING INVOLVED IN WHAT MIGHT SEEM AN UNPRODUCTIVE DISCUSSION OF THE OPPOSING FEATURES OF A NEW WORLD ORDER AND AN OLD ORDER, LED SOME MEMBERS OF THE BOARD TO DWELL ON THE ECONOMIC NATURE OF THE PROBLEMS DISCUSSED BY THE SPECIAL SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MULTILATERAL AND REGIONAL AGREEMENTS CURRENTLY BEING NEGOTIATED BETWEEN INDUSTRIALIZED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE SPHERE OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS. ANOTHER LINE OF ACTION WAS REFERRED TO WHEREBY AN INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRY MIGHT AGREE TO A CERTAIN REDIRECTION OF ITS PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION SO AS TO FACILITATE A BETTER INTERNATIONAL DIVISION OF LABOR AND THUS CONTRIBUTE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS APPROACH WAS STRESSED BY SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD."

C. PARAGRAPH 7.

"WHILE STRESSING THAT THE WORLD'S ECONOMIC STRUCTURES DID NOT ENTER INTO UNESCO'S SPHERE OF COMPETENCE AND THAT THE ORGANIZATION COULD DO NO MORE THAN REFER TO THE ATTITUDES ADOPTED ON THIS MATTER BY THE UNITED NATIONS, THE BOARD CONCURRED IN THE FINDINGS BROADLY OUTLINED IN THE DOCUMENT "MOVING TOWARDS CHANGE", NAMELY THAT THE NEED FOR CHANGE HAD BEEN PRODUCED BY ECONOMIC FACTS AND ASPIRATIONS, AND THAT THE ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ARE AN IMPORTANT ITEM IN ANY ANALYSIS, IN UNESCO'S FIELDS OF COMPETENCE AS WELL AS ELSEWHERE: FOR EXAMPLE, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT CANNOT BE DIVORCED FROM THE EXCHANGE OF KNOWLEDGE, WHICH IS STILL OFTEN DEPENDENT ON THE ACQUISITION OF PATENTS AND PROCESSES, THE COST OF WHICH REPRESENTS A HEAVY BURDEN ON THE ECONOMIES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. BUT ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS DO NOT GO FAR

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ENOUGH, FOR ECONOMIC INSTRUMENTS ARE NO LONGER SUFFICIENT TO CONTROL AN EVOLUTIONARY PHENOMENON WHICH, TO QUOTE ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, HAS CEASED TO OPERATE NATURALLY IN FAVOR OF MAN."

D. PARAGRAPH 9.

"THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY CONSIDERS THAT THE CONCEPT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER IS BASED ON A CERTAIN

SYSTEM OF VALUES, EMBODIES SOME OF THE FUNDAMENTAL
ASPIRATIONS OF PEOPLES, AND PLOTS OUT A NEW WORLD
ORDER IN WHICH JUSTICE AND FELLOWSHIP WOULD BE A REALI-
TY, NOT ONLY IN RELATIONS BETWEEN DIFFERENT SOCIE-
TIES BUT WITHIN EACH SOCIETY (PARAGRAPH 35 OF 99 EX/49)

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THIS LEADS TO REAFFIRMING UNESCO'S SPECIAL ROLE IN
STIMULATING, DEVELOPING AND DEEPENING THE CURRENT
OF INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY AND COOPERATION BETWEEN
ALL PEOPLES. AMONG THE ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UNITED
NATIONS SYSTEM, UNESCO HAS PARTICULAR RESPONSIBILITIES
WITH REGARD TO THE ELUCIDATION AND THE SPREAD OF THE
ETHICAL PRINCIPLES SET FORTH IN THE DECLARATION ON THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW ECONOMIC ORDER."

E. PARAGRAPH 10.

"GOING BEYOND THE IDEA OF INTERDEPENDENCE, PASSIVELY
ACCEPTED AS A NECESSITY, THE NOTION OF CO-RESPONSIBILI-
TY IS BEING FURTHER DEVELOPED. THE IDEAS AND CONCEPT-
TIONS DEVELOPED IN THIS CONNECTION IN PARAGRAPHS 29 TO
38 OF THE DOCUMENT WERE SEEN AS A VERY REALISTIC

AND OBJECTIVE ATTEMPT TO DEFINE THE CONCEPT OF "ORDER" MORE PRECISELY. UNESCO, BY ITS GENERAL CALLING, IS IN A POSITION TO CONSIDER THE PROBLEMS OF OUR TIMES IN THEIR TOTALITY AND IN THEIR INTERDEPENDENCE, LINKING TOGETHER THE THREE LEVELS AT WHICH THIS CONCEPT OPERATES: THE LEVEL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS, THE LEVEL OF INSTITUTIONALIZATION BASED ON UNCLASSIFIED

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THE RECOGNITION OF RIGHTS AND DUTIES, AND THE LEVEL OF THE SYSTEM OF VALUES. THE ORGANIZATION'S UNITY OF APPROACH RESIDES IN ITS BASIC PREOCCUPATIONS, WHICH SHOULD BE THE PROMOTION OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND WHICH SHOULD INDUCE THE ORGANIZATION TO DO EVERYTHING IN ITS POWER IN ORDER THAT THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER TAKES THE FORM OF A NEW HUMAN ORDER."

F. PARAGRAPH 11.

"REFERRING TO THE FIRST THREE SECTIONS OF THE DOCUMENT :MOVING TOWARDS CHANGE", THE BOARD ATTACHED PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO ELUCIDATION OF THE RELATINSHIP BETWEEN THE CONCEPT OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER AND THE CONCEPT OF DEVELOPMENT. THOUGH THE OBSTACLES TO DEVELOPMENT ARE ALSO OBSTACLES TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, IT WOULD NOT BE RIGHT TO IDENTIFY THE TWO CONCEPTS. THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER PROVES IN FACT TO BE BOTH ONE OF THE FACTORS GOVERNING DEVELOPMENT AND ONE OF THE AIMS PURSUED IN DEVELOPMENT."

G. PARAGRAPH 12.

" IT IS ONE OF THE NECESSARY FACTORS OF DEVELOPMENT: EXPERIENCE IN RECENT DECADES, ITS POSITIVE ASPECTS AS WELL AS IT NEGATIVE ASPECTS, HAD INDEED SHOWN THAT SOCIETIES' EFFORTS TO DEVELOP ARE CLOSELY LINKED TO EXTERNAL FACTORS, AND IN PARTICULAR TO THE SYSTEM OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS. UNDERDEVELOPMENT, WHICH SHOULD NOT BE VIEWED AS INEVITABLY BOUND UP WITH GEOGRAPHY OR CULTURE, CANNOT BE OVERCOME WITHOUT TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE WORLD SYSTEM OF WHICH IT IS A PART, AND WHICH TENDS TO ACCENTUATE EXISTING DISPARITIES RATHER THAN TO REDUCE THEM. THE REPLACEMENT OF THIS SYSTEM BY AN ORDER "BASED ON EQUITY, SOVEREIGN EQUALITY, INTERDEPENDENCE, COMMON INTEREST AND CO-OPERATION AMONG ALL STATES, IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SYSTEMS" (RESOLUTION 3201 (S-VI)) WOULD THUS APPEAR TO REPRESENT THE CONTEXT WITHIN WHICH TRULY SELF-SUSTAINING DEVELOPMENT PROCESSES CAN BE BROUGHT ABOUT."

H. PARAGRAPH 13.

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"THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER IS ONE OF THE AIMS OF DEVELOPMENT. IF THE OVERALL PURPOSE IS TO DEVELOP "ALL MEN AND WOMEN, AND EVERY ASPECT OF THE INDIVIDUAL" (99 EX/49, PARAGRAPH 15), VALUES SUCH AS JUSTICE AND FELLOWSHIP MUST IMBUE RELATIONS BETWEEN HUMAN GROUPS AND IN PARTICULAR ALL RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES, INCLUDING ECONOMIC RELATIONS.

I. PARAGRAPH 14.

"UNESCO'S CONTRIBUTION TO DEVELOPMENT, BASED ON AN OVERALL, MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH WHICH TAKES ACCOUNT OF ALL THE COMPONENTS CONTRIBUTING THERETO, UNDER THE VARIOUS HEADINGS OF TECHNOLOGY, ECONOMICS, OR SOCIAL CULTURAL AND POLITICAL FACTORS (98 EX/DECISION 4.1), IS THUS ALSO ESSENTIAL TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE ORGANIZATIONS' ACTION ON BEHALF OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, WHICH WAS THE SUBJECT OF THE REPORTS BY PROFESSOR KI ZERBO AND MR. L. SLEEPER, WITH WHOSE CONCLUSIONS THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY CONCURS, IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT. THE CHALLENGES OF ILLITERACY AND RURAL

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POVERTY MUST BE TAKEN UP."

J. PARAGRAPH 15.

"WORLD DEVELOPMENT MUST BE BASED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, ON EACH NATION'S OWN SOLUTIONS TO ITS OWN INTERNAL PROBLEMS, AND THE BOARD IS UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR OF MULTIPLE FORMS OF DEVELOPMENT AND AGREED ON THE ABSOLUTE NECESSITY FOR EACH COUNTRY TO BE FREE TO CHOOSE A MODEL SUITED TO ITS ASPIRATIONS AND AIMS. CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ARE OF THE OPINIONS THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER CALLS FOR GREATER ATTENTION THAN EVER BEFORE TO THE NOTION OF ENDOGENOUS DEVELOPMENT AND THE STUDY OF DEVELOPMENT MODELS. UNESCO'S CONTRIBUTION MUST, IN THIS RESPECT, TAKE ACCOUNT OF ALL THE SYSTEMS EXISTING IN THE WORLD, WHICH MAY BE FOUNDED ON DIFFERENT BASIC IDEAS CONCERNING THE EVOLUTION OF SOCIETIES THEMSELVES, BUT AT THE SAME TIME, IT MUST NOT EXCLUDE NEW DEVELOPMENT MODELS. IT IS OUT OF THE QUESTION THAT IT SHOULD AIM, IN THIS AREA, AT PRODUCING ANY KIND OF NORMATIVE STUDY; ON THE OTHER HAND, UNESCO CANNOT IGNORE THE GLOBAL EVOLUTION OF HUMAN SOCIETIES, IN SO FAR AS THE INTERNATIONAL ORDER IS MORE

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THAN THE SUM OF NATIONAL ORDERS, AS ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PUT IT: ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS, AND THE FACT THAT PEACE CANNOT BE DISSOCIATED FROM DEVELOPMENT, THAT THE WORLD'S RESOURCES ARE LIMITED AND THAT WASTAGE CANNOT BE TOLERATED IN THE LONG TERM, AND THAT SOVEREIGNTY AND CO-RESPONSIBILITY CAN BE CONCEIVED ONLY AS COMPLEMENTARY NOTIONS BEING DEVELOPED WITH A VIEW TO CREATING AWARENESS OF WORLD SOLIDARITY, MAKE IT ESSENTIAL TO REMEDY INJUSTICES AND TO ACHIEVE A FAIRER DISTRIBUTION OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND WEALTH. THIS OBJECTIVE CAN BE ATTAINED ONLY BY CONTINUOUS PROBING AND THOUGHT."

K. PARAGRAPH 16.

"SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD WERE OF THE OPINION THAT UNESCO SHOULD "MONITOR" THE VARIOUS TRENDS APPEARING IN THE WORLD WITH REGARD TO THESE MAJOR PROBLEMS AND SHOULD UNDERTAKE ACTIVITIES OF INFORMATION AND EXPLANATION WHICH WOULD HELP TO MAKE PEOPLE AWARE OF THEM,

PAYING PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUTH AND TO THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE UNIVERSITIES FOR PROMOTING THOUGHT AND DISSEMINATING IDEAS. THE BOARD, FOR ITS PART, IS PREPARED PERIODICALLY TO RECONSIDER THE FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, AS SUGGESTED BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL, ON THE BASIS OF THE DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL, SINCE IT CONSIDERS THAT THIS REPRESENTS A FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY WHICH SHOULD BE THE SUBJECT OF REFLECTION OVER A PERIOD OF YEARS. THE BOARD CONSIDERS THAT THE DIRECTOR GENERAL MIGHT BE AUTHORIZED TO ASSERT AND SECURE ACCEPTANCE OF THE ORGANIZATION'S SPECIFIC ROLE AND SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER AND TO ENSURE THAT UNESCO'S WORK COMPLEMENTS THAT OF OTHER UNITED NATIONS AGENCIES AND BODIES, BOTH PRESENT AND FUTURE."

L. PARAGRAPH 17.

"THE CONTRIBUTIONS TO BE MADE BY UNESCO TO THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER WITHIN ITS SPHERES OF
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COMPETENCE, AS DEFINED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE (RESOLUTION 12.1, PARAGRAPH 6) INVOLVE TWO LEVELS OF ACTIVITY: ON THE ONE HAND REFLECTION, ETHICAL ACTION AND THE GENERAL DISSEMINATION OF KNOWLEDGE AND IDEAS; AND ON THE OTHER THE SPECIFIC AREAS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, RESPECT FOR CULTURAL IDENTITY, EDUCATION, COMMUNICATION AND THE SOCIAL SCIENCES."

M. PARAGRAPH 18.

"IN THE FIRST RESPECT, UNESCO'S ROLE INVOLVES CONCERTATION, WITH A VIEW TO PRODUCING UNIFIED CONCEPTS AND AGREEMENT ON THE RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF THE VALUES TO BE PROTECTED, AND ANALYSIS, WITH A VIEW TO DEFINING THE BASES FOR A STRATEGY OF CHANGE. CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE BOARD CONSIDER THAT THIS ANALYSING FUNCTION SHOULD BE EXERCISED IN A FORWARD-LOOKING MANNER, I.E. BY ANTICIPATING, ON THE BASIS OF THE WIDE DIVERSITY OF EXISTING OR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT MODELS, THE VARIOUS PROCESSES WHICH MAY LEAD TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. CONCERTATION AND ANALYSIS SHOULD BE APPLIED IN THE VARIOUS FIELDS IN WHICH UNESCO HAS A GE-

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NERAL RESPONSIBILITY, WHICH, TO RESTATE THE OBJECTIVES AS FORMULATED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE, ARE INTER ALIA: RESEARCH ON MEASURES AIMED AT ASSURING HUMAN RIGHTS; PEACE RESEARCH AND MEASURES TO BE TAKEN IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN AND REINFORCE A JUST, LASTING AND CONSTRUCTIVE PEACE AT THE LEVEL OF GROUPS, SOCIETIES AND THE WORLD; PROMOTION OF THE STUDY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND FORMULATION OF A GLOBAL, MULTI-DISCIPLINARY INTERPRETATION OF DEVELOPMENT. MANY SPEAKERS DWELT ON THE FACT THAT THE ARMS RACE DIVERTED VAST RESOURCES AND PREVENTED THEIR BEING USED IN DEVELOPMENT: TRUE PEACE, IN THE SENSE IN WHICH UNESCO UNDERSTOOD IT, WAS A "JUST, LASTING AND CONSTRUCTIVE PEACE" WHICH SHOULD BE REGARDED NOT ONLY AS THE ABSENCE OF WAR BUT ALSO AS A DEMOCRATIC AND EQUITABLE SYSTEM OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND AS THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF AN ORDER OF CONCERTED UNDERSTANDING AND CO-OPERATION BETWEEN PEOPLES, INTIMATELY BOUND UP WITH RESPECT FOR, AND THE PROMOTION OF, HUMAN RIGHTS AND DESIGNED TO FURTHER THE PROGRESS AND WELL BEING OF ALL PEOPLES." N. PARAGRAPH 21.

"FOR DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE PROBLEMS RELATING TO UNCLASSIFIED

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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, THE BOARD REFERS TO MR. DAYAL'S REPORT, WHICH DESCRIBES THE CONDITIONS FOR, AND METHODS OF ACHIEVING, ENDOGENOUS SCIENTIFIC DEVELOPMENT. IT EMPHASIZES THE TWO ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVE TO FACE: THEY MUST, OF NECESSITY, TURN TO THE SCIENTIFICALLY BETTER EQUIPPED COUNTRIES FOR THE TECHNOLOGIES THEY NEED TO IMPORT FOR THEIR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, AND MUST CONSEQUENTLY BEAR THE CONSIDERABLE BURDEN OF THE COST OF PATENTS, WHICH ARE THE SUBJECT OF COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS. THEY MUST ALSO DEVELOP THEIR OWN SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL POTENTIAL. UNESCO'S ASSISTANCE SHOULD PROVIDE THEM WITH A CHOICE, ENABLING THEM FREELY TO DETERMINE THEIR SCIENCE POLICY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR SPECIFIC NEEDS. IN CONNECTION WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, THE BOARD ENDORSES THE BROAD DIRECTION OF SCIENCES TOWARDS ACTION, TO USE THE TERM EMPLOYED BY A MEMBER OF THE BOARD WHICH IS REFLECTED IN SECTION IV OF 99 EX/49 AND IN MR. DAYAL'S REPORT."

O. PARAGRAPH 22.

"SCIENCE IS, OF COURSE, UNIVERSAL, AND THROUGHOUT HISTORY THE FREE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AMONG RESEARCHERS HAS DONE MUCH TO HELP FORWARD ADVANCES ON WHICH THE WHOLE OF MANKIND COULD DRAW; A FERVENT PLEA WAS MADE FOR ACCOUNT TO BE TAKEN OF THIS FACT, WHICH HAD ENABLED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO REAP THE BENEFIT, IN THE SPHERE OF HEALTH FOR EXAMPLE, OF RESEARCH CARRIED OUT IN COUNTRIES WITH BETTER SCIENCE FACILITIES; NOR, IT WAS URGED, SHOULD THERE BE ANY QUESTION OF EMBARKING ON A POLICY WHICH WOULD LEAD TO DISSIPATION OF EFFORT IN SCIENTIFIC RIVALRY. IT IS, NONE THE LESS, CLEAR THAT THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES STAND TO GAIN FROM POOLING THEIR EFFORTS ON A REGIONAL AND SUB-REGIONAL BASIS WITH A VIEW TO ESTABLISHING PROGRESSIVELY AT THESE LEVELS THE FOUNDATIONS FOR VIGOROUS ENDOGENOUS SCIENTIFIC DEVELOPMENT BASED ON THEIR OWN CREATIVITY. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, HOWEVER, WOULD NOT THEREBY LOSE ITS IMPORTANCE. IN PARTICULAR, IT IS DESIRABLE THAT THE MOST ADVANCED COUNTRIES COMMIT THEMSELVES TO RESEARCH WHICH WILL BE OF DIRECT BENEFIT TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES."

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P. PARAGRAPH 23.

"THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY ENDORSES THE CONCEPTION OF UNESCO'S ROLE WHICH APPEARS IN PARAGRAPH 179 OF DOCUMENT 99 EX/49: "TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE LAYING OF THE SCIENTIFIC

AND TECHNOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS WHICH WILL ENABLE EVERY COUNTRY TO MAKE BETTER USE OF ITS NATURAL RESOURCES; TO BROADEN THE SCOPE OF EDUCATION AND DIRECT ITS COURSE SO THAT THE PEOPLE OF EACH COUNTRY WILL BE BETTER FITTED TO SEE TO THEIR OWN DEVELOPMENT; TO DEVELOP COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS; AND, THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES, TO STIMULATE SELF-EXAMINATION IN EVERY SOCIETY IN ORDER TO HELP IT TO DERIVE THE GREATEST ADVANTAGE FROM THE INSTRUMENTS OF CHANGE, WHILST NOT LOSING ITS OWN IDENTITY." IT FULLY SUPPORTS SECTION V OF THE DOCUMENT ON UNESCO'S CONTRIBUTION IN ITS SPECIALIZED FIELDS OF COMPETENCE. THE BOARD ATTACHES PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO THE CULTURAL ASPECT OF DEVELOPMENT AND IN THIS RESPECT ENDORSES THE STATEMENT THAT THE RECOGNITION OF CULTURAL IDEN-

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TITY, LINKED WITH THE MOBILIZATION OF SOCIETY, IS AN ESSENTIAL FACTOR IN INDEPENDENCE AND NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (PARAGRAPHS 209 AND 210). SOME SPEAKERS, HOWEVER, EMPHASIZED THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE ASSUMED IN ADVANCE THAT NO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES COULD BORROW FROM THE

MODELS OF DEVELOPMENT IN INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES, IF
IN FACT THEY CHOSE TO DO SO."

Q. PARAGRAPH 25.

"SINCE THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP, WHICH WAS SHORTLY TO
MEET ON THE SUBJECT, HAD NOT YET CARRIED OUT THE MID-
DECADE EVALUATION OF THE RESULTS OF THE SECOND DEVELOP-
MENT DECADE IN UNESCO'S SPHERES OF COMPETENCE, THE
BOARD, WHILE NOTING WITH SATISFACTION THE
PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN THE SECRETARIAT'S ONGOING STUDIES
CONCERNING THE QUANTIFICATION OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOP-
MENT EXPENDITURES AND ACTIVITIES, DID NOT UNDERTAKE A
GENERAL CONSIDERATION OF HOW, SO FAR AS UNESCO WAS
CONCERNED, THE REALIGNMENT OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE
SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE MIGHT TIE IN WITH THE ESTAB-
LISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. THE
BOARD FEELS THAT THIS QUESTION SHOULD BE DEALT WITH BY
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THE GENERAL CONFERENCE."

R. PARAGRAPH 27.

"THE PROBLEMS CONFRONTING MANKIND AT THE PRESENT TIME
COULD BE SOLVED ONLY BY MEANS OF MULTILATERAL DISCUS-
SIONS. AS THE DIRECTOR GENERAL HAD RIGHTLY STRESSED WHEN
SPEAKING BEFORE THE AD HOC COMMITTEE, THEREFORE, NOTHING
COULD TAKE THE PLACE OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM. ON
THE OTHER HAND, A SYSTEM MORE THAN THIRTY YEARS OLD,
WHICH HAD COME INTO BEING IN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT CIRCUM-
STANCES, NEEDED TO BE REORGANIZED. IN THE ECONOMIC AND
SOCIAL SPHERES IN PARTICULAR, THE STRUCTURES OF THE
SYSTEM NO LONGER MEET THE NEEDS OF THE PRESENT-DAY
WORLD; MORE ESPECIALLY, THE NEED FOR SOME IMPETUS
FR THE CENTER WAS BEGINNING TO BE FELT."

S S. PARAGRAPH 28.

"THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND PARTICULARLY
ITS SECOND COMMITTEE, SHOULD CONSIDER PROBLEMS OF UNI-
VERSAL INTEREST, RATHER THAN LEAVING SUCH QUESTIONS
TO AD HOC WORLD MEETINGS. IT WAS IMPORTANT, HOWEVER,
THAT THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES SHOULD RETAIN THE INDE-
PENDENCE WHICH ENABLED THEM, IN THE SECTORS FOR WHICH
THEY WERE RESPONSIBLE, TO MAKE THEIR DISTINCTIVE CON-
TRIBUTIONS TO SUCH AN OVERALL POLICY AND TO DISPLAY
BROAD INITIATIVE IN THE FRAMING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF
SECTORAL POLICIES TO SUPPLEMENT THE GENERAL BASIC
CHOICES AND STRATEGIES."

T. PARAGRAPH 31.

"WITH REGARD TO SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, THE SPECIAL

ROLE FALLING TO UNESCO NEEDED TO BE EMPHASIZED; IN PARTICULAR, THE ORGANIZATION HAD TO PLAY AN ACTIVE PART IN CARRYING OUT PART III (SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY) OF RESOLUTION 3362 (S-VII), INCLUDING THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT."

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